

NEXT WILL BE THE WALL STREET SLUSH FUND LOBBY By Gilson Gardner.

Washington, July 8.—There is one more chapter to be added to the lobby exposure and President Wilson would like the attention of the investigating committee to this phase of the matter. There is a Wall Street slush fund devoted to securing the kind of banking and currency legislation desired by Wall Street.

The Aldrich plan was what brought the organization together in the beginning. Aldrich was its genius. He tapped the public treasury for thousands of dollars while he was in the Senate and later perfected the organization through national banks. This lobby is as well organized as that of the National Association of Manufacturers and quite as powerful and widespread. It has been working under various aliases and is working now under cover. Its correspondence would be just as illuminating as that of the N. A. M.

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It may be a mere coincidence, but it is a notable fact that in the list of congressmen named by Col. Mulhall as among those to be relied upon for support for N. A. M. legislation and to oppose legislation not desired by that organization, there are not any members of the Progressive party.

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The Eastern trunk line railroads in fighting an increase of wages asked by trainmen and conductors have put out a circular in which they lay stress on the immense total of wages they pay annually. Taking their own figures and doing a problem in simple division, the wages do not look so big. According to their circular the number of employes of these roads is 680,000. The total of wages paid is approximately half a billion dollars. This shows an average wage of \$735 a year. It must be remembered also that this includes the clerks and highly salaried employes. The average wage among the train-

men and conductors is no doubt considerably less, yet the official reports of the bureau of labor conclude that a man cannot live decently and support a family of five on a salary of less than \$900 a year.

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TOWN WOULD DROP THE AXE ON "IMMORAL" MAYOR

Columbus, O., July 8.—The morality of Washington, O., is outraged, to say nothing of shocked, and it wishes Gox. Cox to use an axe on the neck of Mayor Harve W. Smith.

The law and order league of Washington says Mayor Smith has been guilty of gross immorality.

The affidavit of E. H. Seeger, a Columbus policeman, filed with the petition to the governor, says that Seeger caught Smith and a young woman in a disorderly house here June 25 about noon.

Smith, in an affidavit, says he was in Columbus June 25 all right and met a young woman and had a drink or two with her, but says there was no improper conduct.

The law and order league says there was improper conduct a-plenty and demands the use of the axe.

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FIFTEEN UNION MEN OUSTED

The Fuehr Stemmer Piano Company, 24th and State Streets, have discharged their fifteen union piano finishers without giving any reason for the dismissal.

This leaves the shop non-union, but it could not be ascertained whether a cut in wages or an increase in hours was the motive for getting rid of the union men, since Mr. Stemmer refused to answer any questions or to furnish any information.

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"Women must consider it a dreadful fate to be an old maid," mused Mr. Chugwater. "They do, Josiah," said Mrs. Chugwater. "What terrible sticks they sometimes marry to escape!" Then Josiah rubbed his chin and said nothing.